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Allocation of Coal Blocks

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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to start the process of allocation of coal blocks in order to provide electricity to all in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the coal blocks likely to be allocated, State-wise; and
- (c) the measures taken by the Government to ensure transparency in the allocation of coal blocks?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (I/C) FOR COAL, POWER, NEW & RENEWABLE ENERGY
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(a) & (b): The Government continuously endeavors to meet the demand of coal for all sector of the economy including 'Power' sector. Allocation of coal mines/blocks is an ongoing process. Out of 74 coal mines allocated by way of auction and allotment under the provisions of the Coal Mines (Special Provisions) Act, 2015, 48 coal mines have been allocated for 'Power' end use (excluding Captive Power). The details of these 48 coal mines are given at Annexure I. In addition, 10 coal blocks have been allocated to Central/State Public Sector Undertakings for 'Power' end use under the provisions of the Mines and Mineral (Development & Regulation) Act, 1957. The details of these 10 coal blocks are given in Annexure II.

Further, orders have been issued for initiating the process of allotment of 5 more coal mines to Government companies for 'Power' end use under the provisions of the Coal Mines (Special Provisions) Act, 2015.

(c): Process of allocation of 204 coal mines cancelled by the Hon'ble Supreme Court is being carried out under the provisions of the Coal Mines (Special Provisions) Act, 2015 and the Rules made thereunder. To keep the process transparent, the auction of coal mines has been conducted through e-auction mode on an electronic platform and no physical bids were accepted or considered. For allotment of coal mines to Government companies also, applications are required to be submitted online.
